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PATENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, for which the date for response was Saturday, October 8, 2005. Monday, October 10, 2005 was a Federal holiday; therefore, this paper can be timely filed on Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.594096RE.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group	Claims	Drawn to
I	1-6, 8-34	Method of generating ascorbic acid by culturing a <i>Kluveromyces</i> species
II	1-6, 8-34	Method of generating ascorbic acid by culturing a <i>Zygosaccharomyces</i> species
III	8-34	Method of generating ascorbic acid by culturing a yeast species
IV	35	<i>S. cerevisiae</i> species comprising at least one coding sequence selected from ARA, AGD, ALO, AGD plus LGDH, ALO plus LGDH, and ARA plus ALO

Applicants select Group III, claims 8-34.

The Examiner considered claim 11 to be generic and required election of a single disclosed species of coding sequence selected from L-galactose dehydrogenase (LGDH), L-galactono-1,4-lactone dehydrogenase (AGD), D-arabinose dehydrogenase (ARA), D-arabinono-1,4-lactone oxidase (ALO), or L-gulono-1,4-lactone oxidase (RGLO). Applicants elect D-arabinono-1,4-lactone oxidase (ALO).

The Examiner considered claim 24 to be generic and required election of a single second disclosed species of coding sequence selected from LGDH, AGD, ARA, ALO, or RGLO. Applicants elect L-galactose dehydrogenase (LGDH).

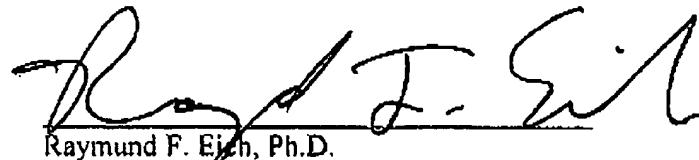
The Examiner considered claim 35 to be generic and required election to ARA, AGD, ALO, AGD plus LGDH, ALO plus LGDH, or ARA plus ALO. Applicants, above, did not select Group IV, claim 35, in response to the restriction requirement and request to defer election until such time as claim 35 will be examined by the USPTO.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 934-4065 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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